

Department of Veterans Affairs

MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT

This Material Transfer Agreement ("MTA") has been adopted for use by the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"), in all transfers of research material ("**Research Material**") whether VA is identified below as its **Provider** or **Recipient**. This Agreement is entered into under the authority of the Federal Technology Transfer Act (FTTA) of 1986, 15 U.S.C. § 3710a, et seq., and shall be effective on the date of the last signature of the parties.

Provider:

VA San Diego Healthcare System

Recipient:

The Regents of the University of California; University of California, San Diego

1. **Provider** agrees to transfer to **Recipient's** Investigator named below the following **Research Material**: Blood and stool samples
2. THIS **RESEARCH MATERIAL** MAY NOT BE USED IN HUMAN SUBJECTS. The **Research Material** will only be used for research purposes by **Recipient's** investigator in his/her laboratory, for the Research Project described below, under suitable containment conditions. Except as otherwise stated in the **Research Project** description, this **Research Material** will not be used by for-profit recipients for screening, production or sale, for which a commercialization license may be required. **Recipient** agrees to comply with all Federal rules and regulations applicable to the **Research Project** and the handling of the **Research Material**.
- 2(a). Were **Research Materials** collected according to 45 CFR Part 46, "Protection of Human Subjects"?

☒ Yes (Please provide Assurance Number: FWA00001893
☐ No
☐ Not Applicable (Materials not collected from humans)

3. This **Research Material** will be used by **Recipient's** investigator solely in connection with the following research project ("**Research Project**") described with specificity as follows (use an attachment page if necessary):

Blood and Stool samples will be used by Recipient for microbiomic, metagenomic, and metatranscriptomic sequencing, and metabolomics research. After use any residual samples will be sent from Recipient site to the central repository site at Pittsburgh University, consistent with the original protocol and subject consents.

4. In all oral presentations or written publications concerning the **Research Project**, **Recipient** will acknowledge **Provider's** contribution of this **Research Material** unless requested otherwise. To the extent permitted by law, **Recipient** agrees to treat in confidence, for a period of three (3) years from the date of its disclosure, any of **Provider's** written information about this **Research Material** that is stamped "**CONFIDENTIAL**", except for information that was previously